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Hawaiian Gazette

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU,
May 24, 1917.—Last twenty-four hours' rainfall, .01; temperature, min., 72; max., 82. Weather clear.

LATEST CABLED SUGAR QUOTATIONS		
	Cents	Dollars
90° Centrifugals N. Y. per lb. per ton		
Price, Hawaiian basis	5.96	\$119.00
Last previous quotation	5.05	\$119.00

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BALFOUR PRAISES AMERICA FOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE WAR

Prince Udine Presents Personal Letter From Italian King To the President

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
WASHINGTON, May 25—Expressing his belief that the American nation would grant to President Wilson the great powers required by the executive head of a Republic engaged in a great war and expressing in the name of the British government the thanks he believes to be due this country for the cooperation promised the Entente, James Balfour, head of the British commission, issued a farewell statement last night.

The former premier of Great Britain expresses his appreciation of the great accomplishments which the United States has made since the declaration of war, accomplishments which he declares to be remarkable.

Mr. Balfour expresses the hope that he may be able to return to the United States when the world is again at peace and when he may be able to spend a longer time in touring the land he has long admired.

ITALIAN COMMISSIONERS ENTERTAINED

The attention of the administration was turned yesterday to the Italian commission, which, headed by Prince Udine, made a series of formal calls upon the cabinet heads and the President. The commissioners were the guests of honor at a state dinner last night. The Prince, in the afternoon, paid his formal respects to Secretaries Lansing, Daniels and Baker, later, accompanied by Secretary Lansing, calling upon the President.

The Italian statesman took with him to the White House a personal letter to the President from King Victor Emmanuel, which he presented.

During the afternoon the organization of the work of the mission was discussed.

ARRANGING FINANCES

The future financial program of the United States for cooperation with the Allies is being formulated by the treasury department. An advance of four hundred million dollars will be made to the Entente in June, and it is expected that the regular monthly loan thereafter will be \$550,000,000. Two hundred and fifty millions of this will go to the British while three hundred millions will be advanced to the French.

The credit recently arranged in this country for Belgium is said to be adequate for the needs of that nation for the next six months, while Russia's original credit for one hundred millions has not been touched as yet.

HOOVER OPENS FOOD CONTROL OFFICES

Finds No Lack of Lieutenants Willing To Serve Nation Without Salary

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
WASHINGTON, May 25—Food Controller Hoover yesterday opened his offices and was busy considering the applications of a number of assistants, each of whom offers his services to the government without pay.

Mr. Hoover will divide his bureau into four main departments, with a bureau chief at the head of each. These departments will be one for the regulation of the various State committees on food control, in order that they may be brought into cooperation; one for food distribution work, one for the handling of all work connected with domestic economy in food stocks and one to have charge of the food exports for Europe.

It is expected that the food control bureau will be in working order before the end of the month.

If congress enacts the various food control bills regarded as essential by the President, the food control bureau will be one of the very important departments of the government, with extensive powers.

GERMAN AVIATORS IN RAID UPON ENGLAND

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
LONDON, May 24—Four or five enemy airplanes last night raided the eastern counties of England. They dropped a number of bombs, but when pursued by English aeroplanes took refuge in flight. One man was killed by an explosive. Otherwise the damage was negligible.

TOO OLD TO BE CAUGHT BY CHAFF

Gompers Declines To Accept An Invitation To Take Part In Socialist Conference

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
WASHINGTON, May 25—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, yesterday formally declined to send any delegates from the federation to the Socialist conference to be held in Stockholm, an invitation to Mr. Gompers having been received through Dutch sources.

Mr. Gompers says that he can see no good to result from such a conference as is proposed, in which stand he is endorsed by other labor leaders, who express their belief that the conference is of German inspiration and that the suggestion for the invitations to American labor originated in Germany.

GERMAN DENY ANY AMERICANS DETAINED

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
BERLIN, May 25—The foreign office, in response to the protest of the United States forwarded through the Spanish ambassador, based on the supposition that Germany is unduly restraining American citizens in Germany and preventing them from leaving the country, states that such detention is not being carried on. Germany is not intentionally holding any Americans in the country, says the foreign office. All Americans who desire to leave are already on their way home, although some have been delayed from unforeseen causes.

PROVING THE END OF PIRATE SHIP

There is a reward of £1000 offered to any ship's crew which sinks a U-boat. Should, say, a trawler "presume" a "kill," the spot is buoyed, a report is made, and then the spot is dragged with a wire. Should the wire come in contact with any obstruction below which cannot be raised, a diver is sent down. If the submarine is located, the reward is paid. In the illustration the mark-buoy is seen as originally moored, and the diver is shown in the act of going down the ladder at the stern of the investigating craft, to carry out his exploration below. Surprises as to what divers find below should be in store for us—some day.—Illustrated London News.



ITALIANS GAIN TWO MILES IN THEIR ADVANCE ON TRIESTE BY GIANT DRIVE

Battle Raging Along a Ten Mile Front Last Night With Austrians Yielding

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
NEW YORK, May 25—Smashing through a portion of the Austrian line defending the important city of Trieste, the Italians yesterday gained two miles more of their road towards this main Austrian seaport and last night were continuing their attack along a front of ten miles. During the day they captured upwards of ten thousand Austrian prisoners and seized and held a number of important positions.

The fighting last night was being carried on within ten miles of Trieste, which is the main objective of the Italians in their eastern campaign. The ground being defended by the Austrians is a difficult terrain for the attackers, having many natural defenses which have been highly perfected. Despite all obstacles, however, the Italians are hourly adding to their holdings, although each foot gained is soaked in blood.

BRITISH GUNNERS OPENED THE WAY

A large measure of the success of yesterday's drive is due to the assistance given the Italians by the British heavy artillery, which blasted the path through the Austrian defenses which the Italian infantry advanced over and through. The infantry fighting, following the artillery preparation, was desperate throughout the day, the Austrians again and again throwing fresh troops into the battle and making counter after counter, without avail.

The first reports of this successful drive as cabled from Rome said:

REACH THE ADRIATIC

"Announcement was made by the war office today that the Italian forces on the southeastern Austrian front yesterday broke through the Austrian lines from Castagnavizza to the Adriatic sea, taking more than 9000 prisoners.

"Pressing the offensive launched against the defenses of Trieste several days ago, the Italians followed their artillery bombardment with an irresistible infantry drive and cut through the Austrian trenches. They have occupied part of the area south of Castagnavizza and on Boscomalo road have passed Boscomalo and captured the town of Jamiano and strong forts east of Pietrassia.

"The enemy was first surprised and then nonplussed by the speed and force of the Italian attack.

"In the assault, the Italian air-forces did splendid work. Dozens of aeroplanes took the air and dropped 10 tons of bombs on the Austro-Hungarian lines.

"Towards evening the enemy launched counter-attacks against the Italians' new positions but all were repulsed. British batteries cooperated with the Italian artillery in pouring a great hail of explosives on the enemy.

"Manifestations were held throughout Italy today to celebrate the beginning of the third year of Italy's entrance into the war."

RAILROADS DEFEND EMERGENCY CLAIM

Before Interstate Commission the Executives Respond To Shippers' Advocates

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
WASHINGTON, May 26—Several of the principal railroad executives of the United States were submitted to a searching examination here yesterday at the continuation of the hearing before the Interstate commerce commission on the petition of the railroads and steamship companies to be allowed to increase their freight rates fifteen per cent.

Representatives of some of the big shippers of the country were present and submitted the finances of the railroads to a searching investigation in an effort to prove their contention that the emergency claimed by the railroads does not in reality exist and that there is no sufficient reason for a raise in freight rates. Under their cross examination Vice-President Powell, of the Queen and Crescent line, admitted that his railroad had paid an extra dividend recently. He declared, however, that existing contracts prove that the present rates are inadequate for the future existence of the roads.

The contention of the transportation companies is that they confront today an emergency similar to that facing other lines of commercial activity. Commercial institutions generally, they declare, are meeting advanced costs by increased prices to the consumer, and the railroads ought to be allowed to adopt the same policy.

ALL PARIS TURNS OUT TO GREET JOFFRE AND VIVIANI

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
PARIS, May 24—Great demonstrations today greeted the arrival of General Joffre and Minister of Justice Viviani from the American mission.

Hochi Special Reports Big Sea Battle Yesterday

Japanese Squadron Sinks Seventeen Enemy Ships, But News Is Not Confirmed

The Hawaii Hochi last night issued an extra, based on a Tokyo special despatch announcing a naval engagement in the Adriatic yesterday, in which the Japanese squadron under Vice Admiral Sato wiped out a joint German and Austrian fleet.

The text of the Hochi's special was: TOKIO, May 24—A Japanese squadron in the Mediterranean, on patrol duty, came into conflict with a combined squadron of German and Austrian warships today. After a battle of several hours, fourteen of the enemy's submarines and three Austrian battleships were sunk. The Japanese squadron was commanded by Vice Admiral Tetsutaro Sato.

No confirmatory despatches came to any of the other Japanese papers, nor has The Advertiser been able to secure any confirmation of the story through the Associated Press.

It is a fact, however, that frequently the Japanese despatches from Tokio to the local Japanese press beat the Associated Press on news by twenty-four to forty-eight hours.

MIDDIES GRADUATED YEAR AHEAD OF TIME

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
WASHINGTON, May 24—Announcement was made today that the present class of the Naval Academy, Annapolis, will be graduated on June 28, a year ahead of time, in order to provide additional officers for the fleet and submarine chasers.

PRESS CENSORSHIP WILL BE ACCEPTED

House Agrees To Meet Wishes of President To Modified Degree in Spy Bill

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
WASHINGTON, May 25—The house yesterday resumed its discussion of the Espionage Bill, which will be sent back to the conference committee today with fresh instructions for the house representatives.

It seems probable now that the house will agree to accept a measure of press censorship, prompted to this by the earnest insistence of the President that such is absolutely essential for the proper working out of the plans of national defense.

The President will also be given the power to proclaim an embargo on exports of a nature deemed wise by him when there exists any grounds for supposing that these exports will eventually find their way into the hands of the enemy. A mail censorship is also proposed, but this will not be an indiscriminate searching of letters. A search warrant in the case of each suspect will be required before his letters may be opened and examined.

The press censorship will probably take the form of authorizing the President to prohibit the publication of strictly military information and of forbidding the criticism of the official policies of the government as affecting the war.

LISBON QUIETS DOWN AFTER STORMY PERIOD

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)
PARIS, May 24—Advices from Lisbon, assert that the agitation on account of high prices, as the result of which a number of people were killed and much property damaged, has subsided.

BRITISH TRANSPORT IS SUBMARINED

Loss of Life Heavy Although Many Rescues Were Made By Japanese Destroyers

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

LONDON, May 25—A British transport, the Transylvania, was torpedoed and sunk with a large loss of life in the Mediterranean on May 14, according to an official announcement made by the admiralty yesterday. The death list amounts to 413 men, included amongst which are twenty-three officers and the captain of the ship.

According to an announcement of the affairs given out in Tokio, Japanese destroyers doing patrol duty in the Mediterranean came to the assistance of the wounded transport and rescued many of her passengers, including a number of women Red Cross nurses. The British government has sent official thanks to Japan for the good service rendered.

The presence of Japanese warships in the Mediterranean was announced officially in the commons yesterday by Lord Cecil, the minister of blockade.

French Liner Sunk

An official report from Paris announces the sinking of the French liner Souty on April 16, while en route from Salonika to Marseilles, with a loss of forty-five lives. Captain Mages, in command of the liner, is among the dead.

Unannounced German naval activity in the Baltic sea on Tuesday is reported from Copenhagen. Yesterday violent cannonading was heard, which continued throughout the night.

LULL CONTINUES ON WEST FRONT

Armed Giants Rest and Only Big Guns Keep Up the Roar of War

(Associated Press By U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

NEW YORK, May 25—Comparative quiet continued throughout yesterday on the British western front, only the artillery being active. The British are strengthening the positions they have gained and resting while their communications are being improved and made ready for the next drive. The Germans made no attempts to leave their lines for any counters.

On the California plateau, before Chevreux, a brisk artillery duel between the French and German big guns was maintained during the day, but otherwise there was quiet along the Aisne and Champagne fronts.

During Wednesday night the Germans launched an attack upon the new French positions on the Vauclero sector, the attack breaking down, leaving a number of prisoners in French hands. These bring the number of Germans captured in this one position alone since the first of the month up to 8600.

The Berlin reports of yesterday's activities are:

"That a big battle is pending on the Russian front is indicated by the announcement today that activity is receiving at several points along the Russian line, in the Riga district, near the Baltic particularly.

"Ten aeroplanes were downed on the west by the Germans yesterday. "The war office announces that French attacks on the Aisne front, near Froimont farm and Vauclero mill, last night were repulsed."